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Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: Establishing Just and Reasonable Rates for Local Exchange Carriers,
WC Docket No. 07-135;**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

My name is Dr. Ulysses Ruff, Sr. I am the Senior Pastor and Founder of Agape Family Life Center, a ministry based in Chicago, IL, which is designed to serve our neighbors and bring God back into our families and our neighborhoods. We do this by asking each of our parishioners to open themselves to their neighbors, family and friends, as a part of their personal ministry.

Our ministry opportunities range from Children and Youth Ministry, Discipleship Training, Servant Evangelism, Prayer Ministry, Youth Mentoring, HIV Outreach, Health Ministry, Food Pantry and a Bible Training Institute for aspiring ministers. Every day, we see hundreds of people benefit from these ministry opportunities and every day we see more people volunteer to touch people's lives.

A crucial tool we use to achieve this goal is free conferencing. This service has played a crucial role in helping the Agape Family Life Center spread its ministry and help hundreds of people in need. Without this service there would be no method left for us to communicate with all of our parishioners in a cost effective way. Ministries like ours depend on free conferencing services because we simply cannot afford to pay the extremely high extra fees that are charged by the alternative services. Free conferencing services enable us to reach out to those in need regardless of the distance that divides us. Today, we utilize free conferencing because we can afford to pay for it by choosing appropriate long distance plans, and the much lower cost is spread among everyone who joins the call.

I hope that you will consider our needs and good work when you are faced with decisions that will have lasting effects on thousands of people like us. I hope that you will look for solutions that make us all stronger. We are trying to grow the community of people interested in helping one another. We need cost-effective conferencing services, and we need your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ulysses Ruff, Sr.", is shown on a light-colored background.

Dr. Ulysses Ruff, Sr.
Senior Pastor and Founder, Agape Family Life Center

CC: Chairman Julius Genachowski
Commissioner Copps
Commissioner McDowell
Commissioner Clyburn
Commissioner Baker